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PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Caroline Gross, programming director for KDLX, reads a commercial on air. KDLX will move from its home station on cable channel 9 to the FM airwaves and will become KZLX-LP at 1:06 p.m. Thursday at the Bell Tower.

Radio station hits airwaves

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

The student-operated University radio station KDLX will officially become KZLX-LP at 1:06 p.m. Thursday at the Bell Tower as the station hits the FM airwaves for the first time.

KZLX's staff is throwing a "Flip the Switch Party" to help celebrate the new station. The event begins at noon and will last until 3 p.m. at the Bell Tower, followed by games, giveaways and music from live bands at the Hangar from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. After the party, the Hangar will be showing "We Were Soldiers" for \$3.50.

However, the party and engineer who will be flipping the switch are not what is on everyone's mind. The mystery person whose voice will be the first to transmit on KZLX is keeping people guessing at this point.

"The decision is being made by Jamie Rinehart, station manager, and he isn't telling anybody," said Jerry Donnelly, radio adviser and chief operator. "We thought it would be fun to make this a mystery and have people wondering who that first voice is going to be."

The station is bringing in alumni to

give a brief history of KDLX, followed by an hour of special programming interviews. Afterward, KZLX will play music the station always plays with regular disc jockeys.

Engineers are estimating KZLX's signal will be heard as far as Mozingo Lake and roughly an equal distance in every direction, and probably a little more if listeners are in a car with good reception, Donnelly said.

After four years of trying to get a license, the staff is satisfied the time has finally come to go on the air.

"I'm happy we are going on the air this semester, and our graduating seniors will be able to get on the air, even if it's only for a couple weeks," Donnelly said.

The experience the staff gains will benefit them later in life, said Caroline Gross, KZLX programming director.

"The on-air experience will be very beneficial when we head out to find jobs, because we know how radio stations work and how they run," she said.

"I think it's good compared to some schools, because you can't even be on the air until you have at least graduated."

Although there are many seniors

graduating, and they only have a few weeks to test the new equipment, underclassmen will not lose their on-air time slots.

"Everyone is basically going to get the same amount of time that they all had before," Gross said. "It's not going to change. Everyone has the two-hour shift that is supposed to be taken."

The station is hoping for a crowd Thursday and wants everyone from the University and the community to attend.

"We aren't just trying to get campus, students, faculty and staff to be there," Gross said. "We want the community involved in this too, because the community plays a big part in the success of KDLX as well. I want this radio station to be the best it can be and be a place for people to learn and to experience new things."

Donnelly said it will not take long before the community starts sending feedback.

"I think as people hear it and like it, they are going to want to be involved in it and offer ideas for community programming," he said.

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President announces budget cuts

By SARA SITZMAN
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The recommended process for covering state budget cuts was presented Tuesday at a town meeting.

University President Dean Hubbard announced the plan that will accommodate for a \$3.2 million cut in the base appropriations for the fiscal year 2003.

"My plea is that each of you keep the big picture in mind and think about what is best for the University as a whole," Hubbard said.

The loss will be covered in two parts, with 60 percent furnished by the various cut-backs. By eliminating or not filling administrative and support staff positions at the University, reducing administrative operations, cutting back on mission enhancement, implementing academic re-alignments, lessening instructional equipment, suspending

early retirements and sabbaticals, reducing additional pay, overloads, adjuncts and term appointments, and eliminating or not filling faculty positions, the University will save \$1.9 million.

More than half of this money will be created through the elimination and reduction of administrative positions, operations and mission enhancement.

"We avoided any cuts in academic department operating budgets," Hubbard said. "Although we have eliminated positions across the institution, no pink slips have been sent to full-time employees, with the exception of the Treatment Center."

However, there are part-time positions that are currently filled that will be eliminated, Hubbard said.

The unit re-alignment includes joining the modern languages department with the communications/theatre arts

department, combining English as a second language (ESL) with the English department, and combining political science with the history, humanities and philosophy department.

Glenn Ayres, ESL program director, said that administratively the department is moving but not physically.

"I don't think it will have a major impact or much of an impact at all on our operations," Ayres said.

The remaining \$1.3 million will be created through a 9.6 percent tuition increase. This increase will result in a charge of \$137 per credit hour for in-state students. Northwest has increased tuition for the past 11 years. The increase average being 8.2 percent.

"We started off with the assumption that we would not increase anything beyond what we had to," Hubbard said.

Compared to other institutions throughout Missouri, Northwest's tuition cost still remains below the middle, Hubbard said.

"We will retain that relative position, because we called around to other institutions to find out what they were doing," Hubbard said.

With this recommendation, the University will have enough money in the reserves should an additional 5 percent



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
University President Dean Hubbard addresses faculty, staff and students about the budget Tuesday afternoon. Northwest has a \$3.2 million budget cut from the state.

cut be handed down from the state within the next year.

"If we are self-confident, then we can emerge from this crisis a better institution," Hubbard said.

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Council elects Maryville mayor

By ABBY SIMONS
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Familiar faces exchanged seats when the Maryville City Council elected a new mayor at Monday's meeting.

Members of the Council unanimously elected Ron Moss to replace Michael Thompson as mayor after Thompson stepped down for his final year on the Council. Thompson will now hold the position of mayor pro tem, left open by Moss' new seat as mayor. Before Moss was sworn in as the city's mayor, Thompson addressed the Council, thanking them for their efforts toward the community.

"I would like to say that the last year has been exciting, challenging and tragic," Thompson said. "In all that, I think that I have had the pleasure to work with a pro-active Council that has done more than I could've imagined."

Thompson said his decision to resign as mayor resulted from a number of issues, including the Sept. 11 attacks and having less time to focus on more important issues he felt passionate about. He said his new position as mayor pro tem will allow him the time to concentrate on more projects throughout the city.

"It was a team effort," Thompson said. "Councilman Moss is now the mayor, and I'm mayor pro tem if he needs me, and I can spend some specific energy on some areas that I think are important during my last term. This will allow me freedom to work on specific issues that the city needs, so I'm going to be dedicating a lot of my time to trying to get airport improvements done and improvements for Mozingo."

As mayor, Moss, who was re-elected to the Council April 2 along with Councilman John Jasinski, plans to continue the Council's pro-active efforts in several issues throughout Maryville.

"I look on the Council as a team, as it has been, rather than individual people," Moss said. "Within the next three years, we really need to get some cumulative action on what's happening on South Main as far as traffic is concerned. Councilman (Bryan) Twaddle has also been working very well with our airport. We need to get that issue taken care of, so those will be the two main issues that we're going to be looking at, along with several others that we have."

In other business, the Council heard from Chuck Hetrick, manager of Super 8 and Comfort Inn motels in Maryville. Hetrick expressed concern regarding a possible room tax designed to promote tourism that had been discussed in the Council. Hetrick told the Council that the tax, which would raise costs, would hurt the motels financially. Hetrick said approximately 80 percent of his patrons come through town for business, as opposed to leisure. The city would have to vote on the room tax for it to pass, and further investigation was promised.

The Council also approved a liquor-by-the-drink license for Jennifer Reed, who is in the process of purchasing Molly's. Reed said once the purchase is complete, the bar will be renamed Molly's II.

Search for dean of arts and sciences college reopens

By SARA SITZMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

With the withdrawal of an application, the search for a permanent dean of the college of arts and sciences has started over.

Since Provost Taylor Barnes left the dean position last spring, Theo Ross, former department chair of communications/theatre arts, has taken on the duties while the candidate search was taking place. Ross contended for the dean position but later decided to step down as an applicant.

"As the search process continued after my application and as conditions both internally within the institution and externally, as those conditions evolved, changed, I simply determined

or felt that I would be better able to serve the institution and the students specifically in the capacity of chair of a department rather than academic dean," Ross said. "So it was observing things that were happening here within the campus and outside that lead me to determine. I think what I can do at this point, at this particular time, for the institution is better to be served at the department level."

When he first took the position of dean it was not immediately agreed that he would apply for the position, Ross said.

"I wanted to sort of test the water," Ross said. "And so doing that it was understood that I may at the end of the year anyway have returned to the

chair."

Based upon recommendations from the search committee and with Barnes' agreement, the search has been reopened, Barnes said.

"We're back to where we were," Barnes said. "It's best to reopen the search rather than not get the proper match that the candidate's looking for or the University's looking for."

An announcement will be released late this month in hopes of having the position filled by next fall, Barnes said.

Barnes said it is quite common to reopen searches.

Ross will remain in the dean office into this summer before going back to the communications/theatre arts department chair. The college of arts and

sciences is the largest college with 11 academic departments.

"I've had the opportunity to observe institutional operations at a different level," Ross said. "I think that there are some things that I've done which I'm very pleased with and I hope will be continued."

As dean, Ross started a Student Advisory Council and has begun expanding programs for international faculty in the college.

"They say in the service that you hold the watch or you stand the watch on something," Ross said. "The organization or the operation continues and you just step in temporarily to do your part to keep it going. That's the way I've seen this, it's been my watch."

Chamber plans capitol trip

By MONICA CALDWELL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest Missouri residents will attempt to take matters into their own hands.

A trip to the Missouri capitol sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will allow participants to discuss legislative issues with state government officials.

A group of concerned individuals will leave for Jefferson City Tuesday in time to attend several morning consultations and to meet Rep. Rex Barnett and Sen. David Klindt for lunch.

"We invite business people and other interested individuals to take a trip to Jeff City to speak with legislators and other state officials," said Colleen Hastings, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

While this is an annual trip, it is not an organized statewide event. Members of other counties in Missouri will most likely make it a point to meet with these congressmen at their own discretion.

In this single day, participants will discuss pressing issues such as backing for education in school districts and universities, as well as where funds are

dispersed throughout the year.

While schools' budget cuts seem to be of primary concern, other topics include increasing tourism through the Cooperative Marketing Program used in Maryville to attract people. Funding for improved roads, specifically in northwest Missouri and focusing on the construction of Highway 71 will also be issues of focus.

Also on the agenda are matters of business requirements and the effect of sales tax collection and employee withholdings on income. Participants will also push to continue to receive funding for the local correctional facility and treatment center, and will approach the matters of economic development and healthcare.

"We've had as many as 30, some years," Hastings said. "It's a smaller group this year that has indicated they'll be going."

On average, 20 people attend and are grouped into pairs or trios to go to appointments.

Openings to participate are available through Friday. For more information on attending, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 582-8643.

Singing Sigmas



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Tri Sigma Terra Dale participates in Greek Sing Wednesday. Sororities and fraternities earned points toward Outstanding Greek Organization which will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday at Mary Linn Auditorium.

City offers Spring Clean-Up

By DEVIN RANKIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It is once again spring cleaning time for many Maryville citizens, and in helping with the task, the city will be offering its annual city-wide clean-up April 15-19.

Citizens may encounter extra waste in their spring cleaning work and with that in mind, the city has agreed to dispose of items not usually taken by trash contractors free of charge.

"This is a free service that gives everyone a chance to clean up the town," said City Manager Matt Chestnut. "It's a service that has been going on for quite a while that goes along with spring cleaning."

The items that may be picked up during Spring Clean-Up are furniture, tree limbs, and tree residue cut to four-foot lengths and bundled branches. Bagged leaves, grass and garden waste will also be taken during the designated times during Spring Clean-Up.

City crews will not be able to take the following items: household trash, concrete, masonry materials, construction waste, tires, lead-acid batteries, paint

cans and iron products. Refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and other appliances cannot be picked up by city crews, but anyone may arrange for these to be picked up by the GEM Co. for disposal.

The city will be split into four sections and each section will have their own day to participate in Spring Clean-Up. The area east of Main Street and north of First Street will be Monday. The area east of Main Street and south of First Street will be Tuesday. The area west of Main Street and north of First Street will be Wednesday. The area west of Main Street and south of First Street will be Thursday. Any waste that needs to be disposed of should be at the curb by 7 a.m. on the designated day.

City Wide Spring Clean-Up			
Wed. April 17	N	Mon. April 15	
First Street	West	First Street	East
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Collection begins at 7 a.m. daily			



Megan Quinn applies makeup in preparation for a group photograph. Quinn is one of the dancers performing in "Spectral Movement" Thursday and Friday night

in the Mary Linn Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and may be charged to the Bearcat card at the Student Services desk or purchased with cash at the door.

Dancers ready for spring show

By AMY PUTNEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Mary Linn Auditorium will come alive Thursday and Friday night when the Northwest Dance Company hits the stage with its spring show "Spectral Movement."

Officially recognized as a student organization by Student Senate on April 9, the Northwest Dance Company will perform its fifth show since its origination three years ago.

Haley Hoss-Jameson, leader of the Dance Company and professor of health, physical education, recreation and dance, started the Company shortly after being hired by Northwest in fall 1999.

"It (dancing) is my passion, my dream, and the reason I became a professor," Hoss-Jameson said. "I was a professional dancer, and I wanted to give my experiences to my students."

The show will feature approximately 60 students performing dance pieces from tap and jazz to

modern.

This season's show will also include a multimedia piece.

Two guest appearances by Bill Richardson and Alissa Walters will be added to the show. Richardson is an assistant professor of music at Northwest and will be playing the trumpet.

Walters, a former Northwest professor, will be traveling from her position as assistant professor of voice at Sacramento State University in California to sing at the show.

Admission is \$5 and can be charged to the Bearcat card if purchased at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building.

Tickets may be purchased with cash at the door the night of the show.

"I would love to have every seat in the house full, including the balcony," Hoss-Jameson said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Theater group to hold annual awards banquet

Northwest's honorary theater fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, is making preparations for its annual awards banquet.

The banquet, which will include dinner, a video presentation and distribution of awards, will be at 7 p.m. April 24 in the observation deck of the Hangar.

Dinner will be available, and each guest may order individually off the menu. Guests eating at the event should arrive at 6:30 p.m. After dinner, theater student Melissa Ough will give a welcome, and Charles Schultz, professor of communication and theatre arts, will follow with the invocation. After the invocation, a video presentation titled "The Year in Review" will begin, followed by the presentation of awards.

Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the theatre department at 562-1717 or Melissa Ough at 562-0233.

Media organization plans to hold panel discussion

Northwest's Society of Professional Journalists will sponsor a panel discussion to explore media methods employed around the globe.

The discussion will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Dining Room 2 and will include representatives from a variety of cultures.

Fred Lamer, assistant professor of mass communication, will moderate the event. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Campus group promotes student donor awareness

One Northwest student organization is taking steps to increase student awareness of the organ and tissue donation process.

The University's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America is prepping for its second annual campuswide campaign to promote donor awareness.

The campaign is part of a national competition, the winner of which receives a cash prize.

To promote awareness, the group will be handing out green ribbons, informational materials and 10-minute Sprint phone cards from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union.

PRSSA President Kristen Lundgren said the purpose of the phone cards is to encourage students to call their families to discuss the decision to become donors, since the final decision lies with the donor's family.

After the campaign, the organization will submit its public relations plan to Rowan University, sponsor of the donor awareness competition.

Two student broadcasters earn state recognition

Two Northwest broadcasting majors recently received recognition for their work on the state level.

Junior Eric Mickelson and sophomore Bobby Gumm each won first-place honors in the Missouri Broadcast Educators' video competition.

Mickelson's award was for his public service announcement entry titled "Nodaway Humane Society," and Gumm's award was for his music video entry titled "Killing Walter Mitty." The two received the awards, along with \$50 checks, at the organization's annual convention in Columbia in March.

Instructor returns, recovers from attack

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

On an empty street in New Orleans, two male attackers had a Northwest professor's life in their hands one night during Spring Break.

The attack happened while Richard Fulton, chair of the political science department, was attending a University conference in the city.

Fulton was walking back from a jazz concert at 9:30 p.m. in the French Quarter area of New Orleans only one-half block away from his hotel, when he passed two young African-American men.

"I passed them on the street and they came up on either side of me and started hitting me," Fulton said. "Interesting thing is they didn't say a word during the whole thing."

The street was empty when Fulton first started down it, and he did not think anything would happen because it was well lit, he said.

"I resisted the best I could," he said. "I never thought anything was going to happen because I don't think in those terms. New Orleans is such a crowded city, and especially down in the French Quarter, I guess I just didn't think about it because there are so many people around, but there didn't happen to be anyone on that street at the time."

Fulton was only able to give the police a general description of his attackers, such as their race and that they appeared to be in their early 20s.

"The only thing I saw was a fist coming at me," he said.

The first thing going through his

mind after the first couple of punches was that he should react.

"I got out a few 'helps' when I was shouting, but all you are trying to do is fend off the blows to get them to leave," Fulton said.

Fulton said his attackers used fists and did not have pipes, knives or guns, and did not beat him unconscious. The attack could have been worse.

Police were surprised the attackers never kicked Fulton or got him on the ground until he voluntarily went down on all fours and dug his wallet out of his front pocket, holding it up, yelling, "Here's my money." The men grabbed the wallet and ran. No new information is available, because there were no witnesses, Fulton said.

Fulton was able to get to the hotel where on-duty workers called for

an ambulance and the police.

He was taken to the emergency room, where he was kept for a few hours. Fulton suffered a broken jaw, and doctors put a permanent metal plate in his jaw. His upper right cheekbone was broken, and he had to keep his jaw shut for 10 days, with rubber bands on his teeth. He has extensive bruising, but the bruises are healing.

Fulton said he is only able to eat liquids and soft foods for about four weeks. He came back to work April 5 and has eased back into his schedule.

"The faculty has been extremely supportive, and I've been flabbergasted from the kind of support I've gotten from people all over campus," he said. "It's been unbelievable. It just reflects again how nice the group of people are here."

Writer to share unique works

By LAURA PEARL
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As the trimester winds to a close, Northwest's creative writers are preparing to bring the last of its year-long slate of visiting writers to campus.

Scribblers, Northwest's creative writing organization, has invited author Robert Vivian to campus as part of its Visiting Writers Series. Vivian, an accomplished poet, playwright and creative non-fiction author, will read selections of his writing at 8 p.m. Thursday in the University Conference Center.

"He really stands out as an excellent young author," said Jon Hyde, publicity organizer for the series. "He's really good at what he does, and I think people will see that his writing is deep

and insightful."

Vivian has accumulated several honors in the course of his young career, such as the 1999 Nebraska Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship in Playwriting. More than 20 of his plays have been produced off-Broadway and in community theaters.

Vivian recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and currently teaches English at Alma College in Michigan.

His work has appeared in numerous journals, and the University of Nebraska Press printed Vivian's first book, "Cold Snap as Yearning," in 2001. He is currently working on his first novel.

The reading should attract a wide range of listeners, Hyde said. The event is free and open to the public.

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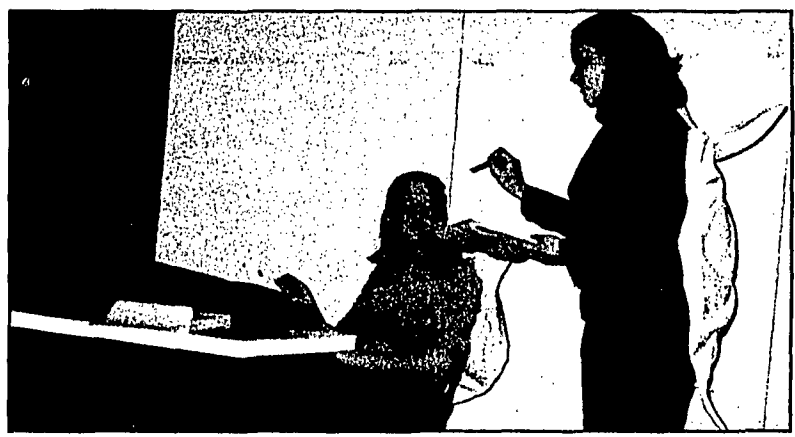


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Amanda Mallott and Rachel Vierck rehearse the feminist sketch comedy "Parallel Lives" Tuesday night. The show will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$2.

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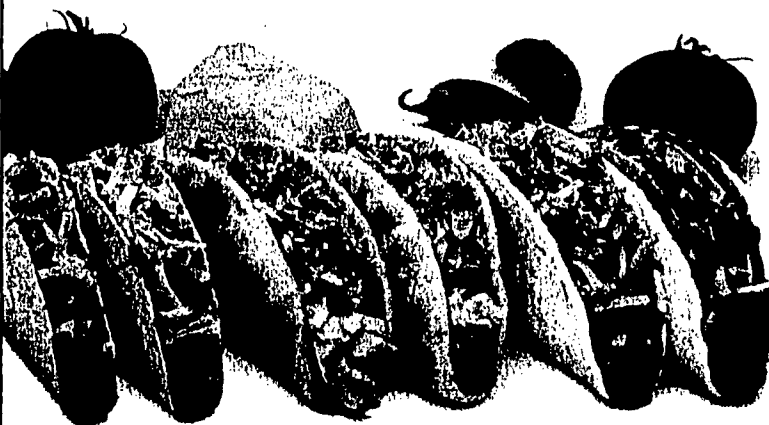
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Governor visits school

By ABBY SIMONS
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In the midst of the current budget crisis, Gov. Bob Holden assured the Maryville school district that he has no intentions to cut state funding for public education.

Missouri's 53rd governor paid a visit to Maryville Middle School Thursday to share his plans and philosophy on public education with teachers, administrators and parents. Student Council representatives also gave Holden a tour of the school.

Superintendent Jay Reese introduced Holden to those in attendance and praised the governor's past efforts in education, which include co-sponsoring the Excellence in Education Act, establishing the Dollars and Sense Program and the Tax Incentive Program.

"I've had the opportunity on a number of occasions to hear the governor speak, and each time he declares that education is his highest priority," Reese said. "He follows those words with actions."

Holden attributed his strong emphasis on education to his past and present ties to Missouri public schools, including having a father who served as a school board member and a sister who served as a teacher and is currently a principal. Holden also named his second son, John, after a former teacher.

"I want you to know that when I talk about education, I don't talk

about it just from a standpoint of being a governor and it being important to our state," Holden said. "It's a very personal thing."

Holden addressed his plan, supported by numerous associations including leaders of the State Board of Education and the Missouri State Teacher's Association, for improved education reform and funding for schools.

The plan involves two steps, including House Bill 1877, which will fully fund a foundation formula for the state of Missouri with increased gaming revenues from casinos, and then earmark the increases for education.

The bill will also close tax loopholes that are present only in Missouri. Holden justified the controversial idea with the fact that children's futures are at stake.

"Some are not comfortable with the increase of gaming revenues and closing of tax loopholes," Holden said. "I am less comfortable with shortchanging our children."

Holden also addressed House Bill 1817 and Senate Bill 1059, which will tie increased funding and increased accountability for Missouri Public Schools. Holden assured that, despite budget woes, the plan would serve education properly.

"In this time of state economic purchasing, we are turning to our rainy day fund to protect our most vulnerable citizens, and finding

those education dollars is difficult," Holden said. "But I have sent the legislature a fiscally responsible plan to do it."

Holden said that, although Maryville's performance is well above average, he intends to focus on the 90 underperforming school districts throughout the state with a plan for full funding and full accountability for schools.

The plans will involve individual attention and an outline of solutions for each school, as well as implementation by the schools, who will be held accountable for their own improvement. Schools who perform sufficiently will be left alone. Holden said the improvement would be hands-on and proactive between the legislature and schools.

"This is not a one-size-fits-all problem-solving, nor is it a problem-solving arranged by Jefferson City," Holden said. "This is what every school and school district has to work out on their own."

Holden said his plan for full funding and full accountability have passed the House and now await action in the Senate.

He urged Missourians who care about education to contact their legislators and urge them to pass the plan.

"The key to our future is education, and today that future looks far brighter than it did 10 years ago," Holden said.



Flanked by Student Council representatives, Gov. Bob Holden addresses teachers, administrators and parents Thursday at Maryville Middle School while Superintendent Jay Reese looks on. Holden spoke on the importance of education throughout the state, as well as his future plans for education in Missouri.

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Fighting for farmers



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Congressman Sam Graves spoke to agriculture majors and community members Thursday at Northwest. Graves addressed the revised farm bill currently being debated in Congress.

Weather service dedicates new transmitter

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

Nodaway County residents will have a reason to feel safe this storm season thanks to National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio.

Although the NOAA Weather Radio has been in operation for about six months in northwest Missouri, a dedication ceremony at the Cooperative's Nodaway Power Plant took place Tuesday.

The Missouri Electric Cooperatives, in a joint effort with the National Weather Service and NOAA,

helped fund the weather radio transmitter.

United Electric Cooperative and Atchison-Holt Electric Cooperative sponsored the dedication. United Electric General Manager Gene Dorell said the tower's services were a long time in coming.

"This is something that the co-ops have been working on for the past three or four years in the northwest part of the state," Dorell said.

As a gift from the co-ops, every school in the Nodaway County school district and the Maryville Nursing Home received a free

weather radio.

Lynn Maximuk, National Weather Service representative for northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas, said the tower will allow people to hear the weather radio and save many lives. He also said the program has come a long way in development.

"As recently as two years ago, we only had two transmitters in western Missouri," Maximuk said. "We had one in St. Joe and one in Kansas City. Through the efforts of the great co-ops we now have eight towers that serve northeast Kansas

and northwest Missouri."

Maximuk said the NOAA came about after tornadoes killed people in Alabama and the government wanted a way to prevent that from happening again.

"After 9/11, the NOAA Weather Radio is the only government-wide radio system that is controlled by the federal government," Maximuk said.

The NOAA Weather Radio will also soon be able to warn people of terrorist actions, gas leaks or fires in their communities, Maximuk said.

Local charity walk raises money to fight multiple sclerosis

By CHRIS LITTLE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Business and Professional Women's Association will host the seventh annual MS Walk to benefit those affected by multiple sclerosis on Saturday.

Ann Eck and Elaine Wilson are co-coordinators of the event and BPW has very strong feelings for the event.

"One of our members has MS as well as the daughter of a family who will be helping out on Satur-

day," Eck said. "In that sense, it really drives the issue home."

The walk will consist of a three-kilometer course that can be repeated for a six-kilometer walk. Participants will collect pledges and donations to help fund research that may find a cure for MS.

Local businesses have done their part by donating snacks and drinks for the event and some are even sending representatives to participate in the MS Walk.

Last year the event raised more

than \$5,000 and this year they hope to raise even more.

"Every little bit helps," Eck said. "Each person's contributions will be a great help to the event, and they won't go unrewarded. Everyone who participates will receive a medal to remind them that they were able to lend a helping hand to someone."

In past years, participants have included babies in strollers, dogs and ordinary people ranging from high schoolers to retired couples.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory with the walk to begin at 9 a.m. The course will cover the northwest corner of Maryville starting and finishing at the armory.

Eck hopes the community will get involved.

"I really hope that many people will come walk for us," Eck said. "The more pledges we collect, the greater the gift we can give. The more we give, the more we may one day receive."

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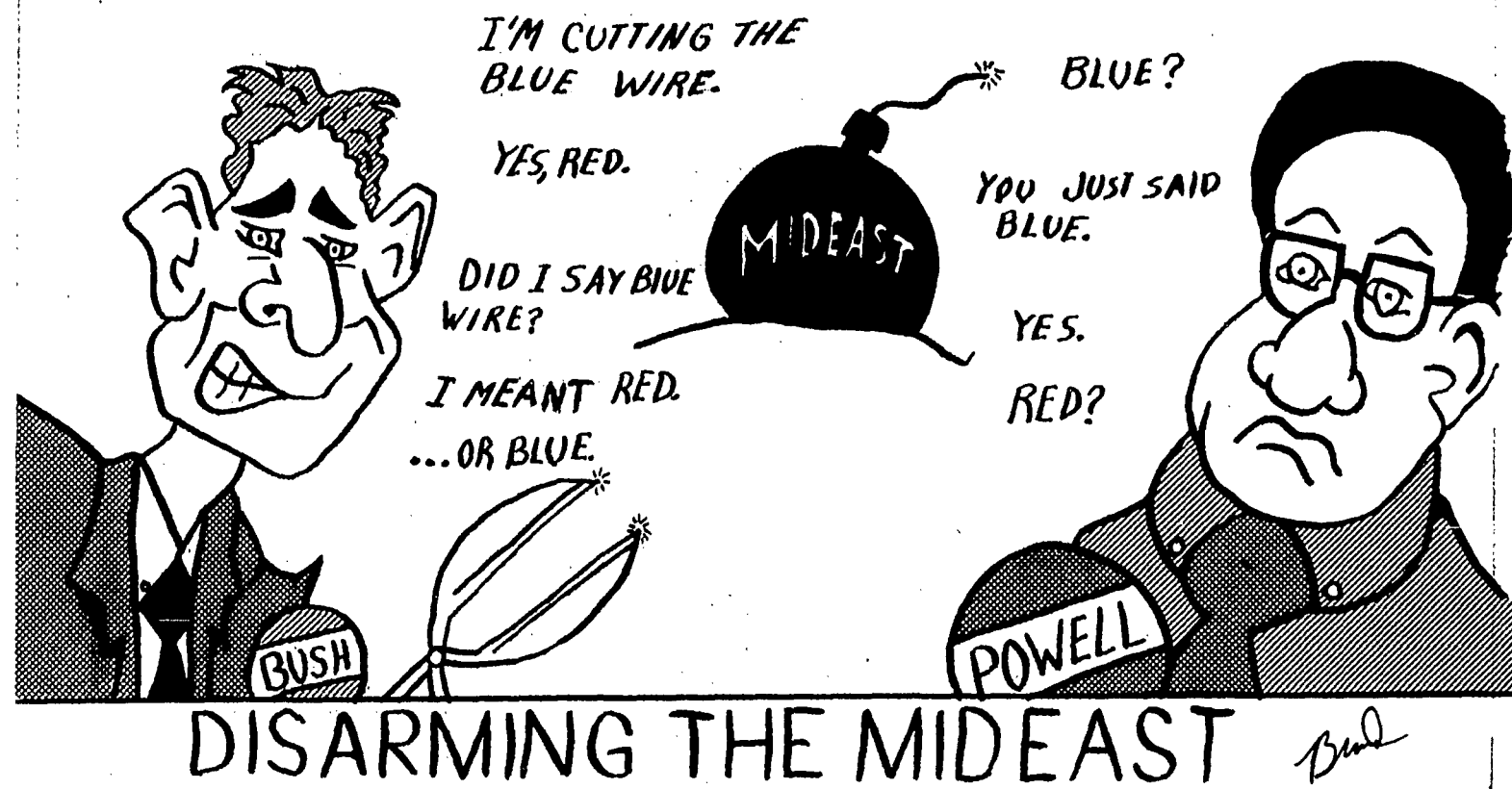
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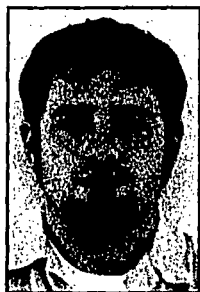
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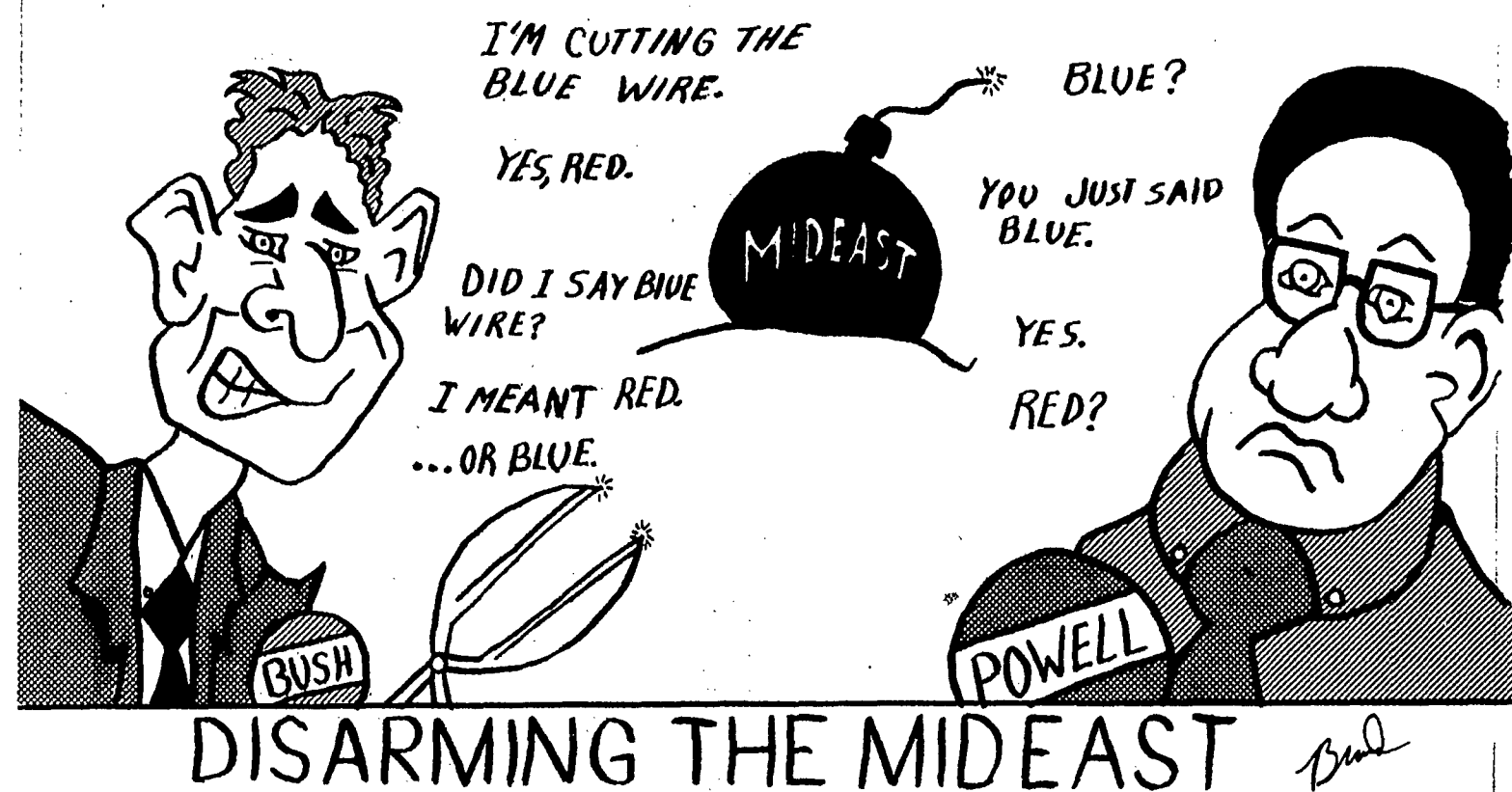
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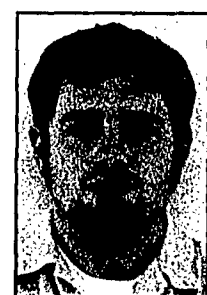


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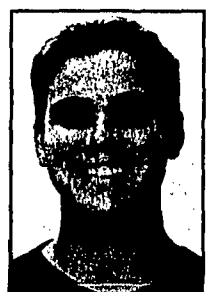
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- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m., Wesley Center
- Eating Disorders Self-Help Support Group meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Colden Hall 2630
- Tax Day
- Fourth installment due
- Intramural Golf Entries close, noon

FRIDAY

- Greek Week
- "Parallel Lives," 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

TUESDAY

- Intramural Bench Press begins
- Nodaway County 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Extension Center

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DEATHS

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She was born March 7, 1926, to Dale and Elva Birkenholz in Ravenwood.

She is survived by her husband, Wade; two daughters, Cinda Muruato and her husband Enrique, and Linda Posey and her husband Don; one brother, Dale Birkenholz Jr.; and three grandchildren, Cecilia and Tony Muruato and Wade Posey.

Services were April 5 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

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April 4

■ An officer received a report from two Maryville females that they had been assaulted in the 900 block of East Second. Michael W. Moyer, 18, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault. Mary J. Foster, 43, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

■ Carissa R. Devers, 17, Maryville, was stopped at the posted stop sign at Lincoln and Main. Michael W. Moyer, 18, Maryville, struck Devers' vehicle in the rear. Moyer was issued citations for careless and imprudent driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

April 5

■ Jennifer L. Schieber, 44, Maryville, Ronda J. Wilson, 60, Maryville, and Jennifer B. Easton, 20, Maryville, were traveling south on South Main. Schieber struck Wilson's vehicle, causing Wilson to strike Easton's vehicle.

■ While on patrol at Fourth and Main, an officer observed a vehicle fail to yield the right of way. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Fourth. The driver

of the vehicle was identified as Larinda L. Estes, 22, Skidmore. While speaking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to Nodaway County Jail. She was also issued a summons for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire in the 26000 block of Haultin. Upon arrival, it was determined that a trash fire had started the fire.

■ An officer received a report of loud music in the 500 block of West Fifth. Upon arrival, Jonathan S. Szajnu, 20, Columbia, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ Fire units responded to a vehicle fire in the 26000 block of 238th Street. Upon arrival, an earth roller was on fire. The fire was believed to have started in the engine compartment.

April 6

■ Laura K. Moore, Maryville, was parked in a private parking lot in the 400 block of North Buchanan. An

unknown vehicle struck Moore's car and then left the scene.

■ An officer recovered a blue mountain bike from the 500 block of West Second.

■ An officer received a report of an assault in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Upon arrival, Tyler C. McGinnis, 26, Omaha, Neb., and Thomas T. McGinnis, 26, Omaha, Neb., were issued summonses for assault.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle almost strike the curb at Fourth and Vine. The vehicle was stopped in the 200 block of North Vine. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christopher L. Anderson, 21, St. Joseph. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for failure to keep to right side of roadway.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had

thrown something at his vehicle in the 200 block of South Main, cracking his windshield.

April 7

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle traveling without its headlights illuminated. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of North Buchanan. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Steven J. Schumacher, 19, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for no headlamps after dark.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of East Fifth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Phillip A. Cottle, 51, Maryville. A check of his driving status revealed a warrant for failure to appear in Tracy. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken a Playstation from his apartment in the 500 block of West Ninth.

■ Eva D. Drake, 18, Maryville, was stopped at 71 Highway and Business 71. Carmen D. Clement, 68, Maryville, was traveling north on Highway 71. Drake failed to yield to Clement, causing Clement to strike Drake.

April 8

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Adam F. Draper, 23, Guilford. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had damaged his vehicle while it was parked in the 1500 block of South Main.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had damaged his vehicle while it was parked in the 600 block of North Buchanan.

■ An officer served an Andrew County warrant on Brandi L. Adwell, 26, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was transported to Nodaway County Jail where she is being held for extradition.

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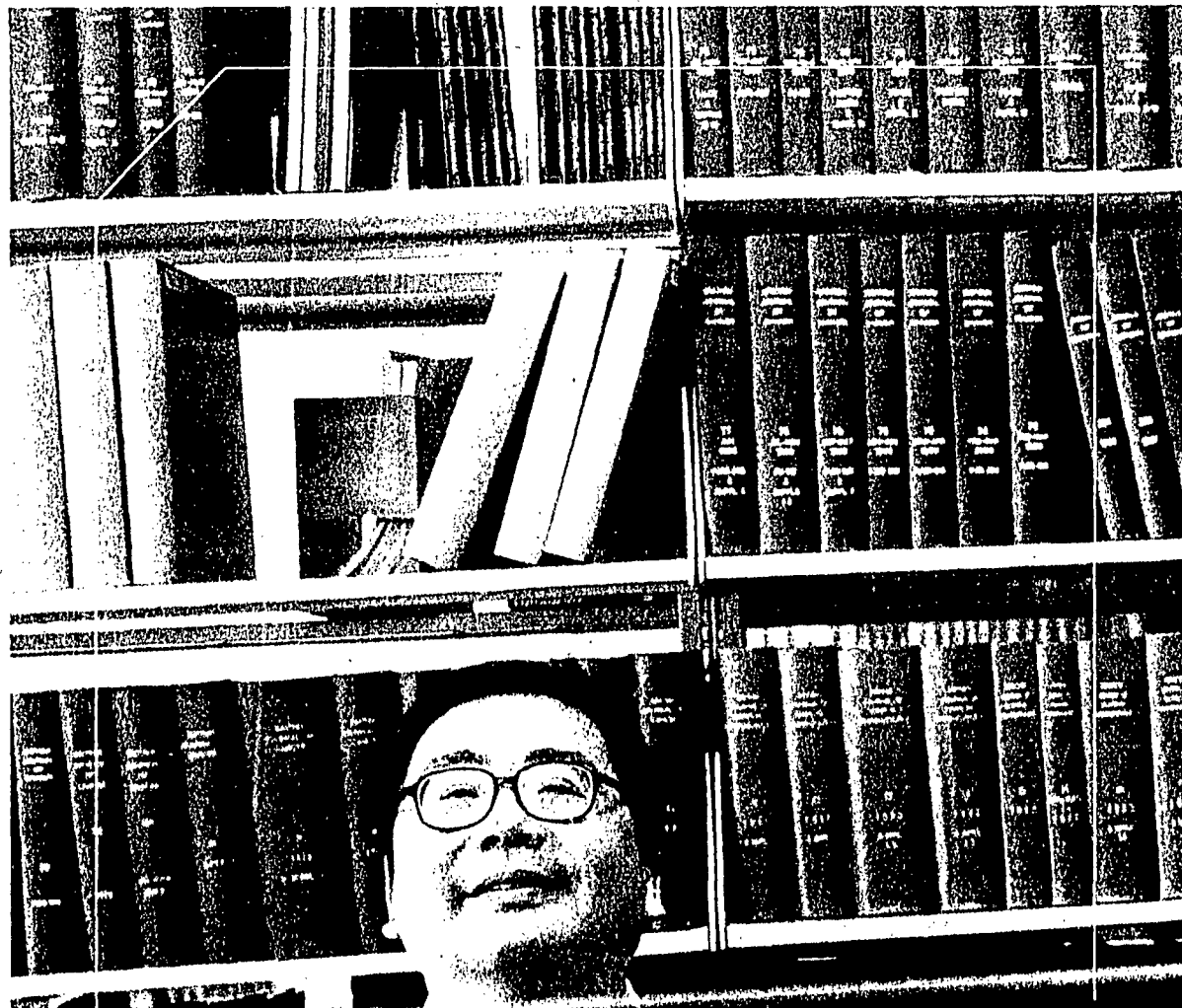
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Recovery: Getting back to the normal routine of life

Cancer may have slowed him down for a while, but Jim Smeltzer is well on his way to getting on with life and doing what he loves

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Jim Smeltzer, professor of chemistry and physics, is the kind of teacher who threatens to pass around a microphone to quiet students when he is ready to begin class. It is no wonder that after about three months of recovery from a rare form of pancreatic cancer, he is looking forward to taking on another rowdy class during the summer trimester.

Although Smeltzer did not think much of a slight weight gain over the course of a few months, a routine blood pressure check at the University fitness center showed abnormally high blood pressure. His doctors could not understand why it shot up, but they put him on blood pressure medication to try and control it. Unfortunately, that was not the problem.

"One day I had been playing racquetball—and this was after the second (prescription for blood pressure medicine) — and I felt really weak and sweaty and kind of

shaky," Smeltzer said. "So, I had someone haul me out to the emergency room and they detected low blood sugar."

Taken aback but not flustered, Smeltzer took a "go in and get it" attitude with the help of doctors.

Roberta Rau, a fairly new doctor in Maryville, worked to help him find out what was wrong and get on track to whatever treatment he needed. She ran several tests, the results of which Smeltzer said enabled him to get a faster diagnosis.

"She picked up on some things right away," Smeltzer said. "She knew what the characteristics were of that particular type of cancer (insulinoma) and she ran tests to confirm her suspicions."

Test results showed too much insulin being produced in his body, which was making his blood sugar drop to dangerous levels. Neither blood tests nor an MRI could locate the source of the overproduction of insulin.

Finally, when Rau decided to run a CAT scan, they started to get

some answers. A rare cancerous tumor had taken residence in Smeltzer's pancreas.

Smeltzer's case of cancer is special not only because of its rarity, but also because of the size of it. Normally, an insulinoma tumor is about one-half inch in diameter. Smeltzer's was roughly the size of a small grapefruit.

Doctors worked quickly to get Smeltzer into the Kansas University Medical Center where a medical team hashed out a plan of attack on the intruder. Smeltzer said the team of doctors at KU Med Center was outstanding.

"That was the best team," Smeltzer said. "They knew what to do and got it done."

After his surgery Jan. 9 and about a week in the hospital, Smeltzer was released in high spirits. Doctors removed a lot of his pancreas, but left enough to continue its normal job of breaking down sugar.

Smeltzer said he is grateful the normal functions of his organs have returned because he was tired of

eating sugary, fatty foods every two hours, such as peanut butter and graham crackers, in order to keep his blood sugar up.

"I started eating a lot and a lot more often and that compounded the weight gain," Smeltzer said. "My diet became, 'What can I eat to maintain high blood sugar?'"

As a result, Smeltzer weighed in at almost 260 pounds just before surgery. Once he returned to his normal diet, though, and after large portions of his organs were removed, he dropped about 40 pounds in less than a month. Now his weight has stabilized at about 210.

One of the most important things in Smeltzer's pre-cancer life was his routine at the fitness center.

"It's not the same as I had before, but it's something I want to keep working at," Smeltzer said. "It was a part of my well-being before I had this problem and it's going to continue to be a part of my recovery."

Aside from the doctors and personal treatment at the hospital, Smeltzer recognizes another power,



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Jim Smeltzer, professor of chemistry and physics, described his tumor as roughly the size of a small grapefruit. Because it was so inefficient at producing insulin, though, it did not affect him for several years.

which he described "spread like wildfire."

The power of prayer.

Smeltzer received cards and phone calls from all over the country—sometimes from people he did not know—telling him they were thinking of him at church services and in their prayers. Without those thoughts and prayers being sent to him, Smeltzer said he knows he would never have made it through surgery and recovery.

"I have not been into church every time the door's been open—it's a personal relationship," Smeltzer said. "I am a strong believer in the power of prayer and I will continue

to keep that as part of my recovery."

Although he is a little concerned about his stamina in keeping up with the stress of returning to the classroom, Smeltzer is looking forward to getting back to school this summer.

Smeltzer said he never had an extreme emotional response to cancer, but does know the potential danger it carries and how lucky he is have gotten rid of it so quickly.

"I don't know where this one ranks in the spectrum (of pancreatic cancers), but none of them are something you choose to have if you had to have something," Smeltzer said.

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Northwest softball

'Cats back in MIAA race

Northwest sweeps Emporia State, takes 3-2 conference mark into road games this weekend

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

It had been a week since the Northwest softball team had hit the field in action, but it did not show in Tuesday's games against Emporia State at Bearcat Field in MIAA play.

The 'Cats swept the Hornets 5-1 and 6-0 in a key conference matchup. With the wins, the team improved to 19-8 overall, 3-2 in conference play. It was the first home game for the 'Cats in nearly a month.

"By coming out and winning two games today it showed we can compete and put a little shake-up in the MIAA," sophomore catcher Megan Spring said. "Hopefully we will be able to come out and play like this every game."

Head coach Pam Knox said the entire team played well.

"I thought we did well with the bats today," she said. "Everybody contributed in some way."

Knox said she did not like having the week off and was glad it did not have an effect on Tuesday's games.

"I didn't like it (the week off)," she said. "As a coach that is scary because you don't get very many at-bats. We've been having long practices just to get those bats in. Fortunately, they came out ready to compete."

In game one, the 'Cats jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the first inning.

The 'Cats had a big chance in the bottom of the fourth inning to score when they had bases loaded, but the team was unable to expand the 4-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Spring hit a double off the outfield wall. Later in the inning, Spring scored from third base on a sacrifice fly from freshman Shelly MacDonald, making the score 5-0.

Emporia State broke the shut-out attempt in the top half of the sixth inning, scoring one run. But that was all the Hornets could muster as the 'Cats took game one 5-1.

Senior pitcher Alison Adkins pitched a complete game. She finished the game strong retiring the side in the seventh inning.

In game two, the 'Cats picked up where they left off from game one. Defense and pitching took over as both teams played the first three in-

nings scoreless.

The 'Cats had a chance at putting runs on the board in the third inning with runners on first and second, but sophomore Angie McCoy popped out to right field to end the inning.

In the top of the fourth, the Hornets stranded a runner at third after freshman third baseman Kristina Dillon stretched out to rob a ground ball hit by Emporia State's Carly Lang.

The Northwest bats awoke in the bottom of the fourth, starting with a one-run homerun by Spring, which cleared the fence in centerfield. Sophomore infielder Melissa Nimmo along with freshman infielder Tara Risetter followed the homerun with two singles down the third-base line. Freshman utility player Lindsey Crouse followed up with a double, driving in Nimmo and Risetter making the score 3-0.

Crouse would later score from third on a wild pitch thrown by Emporia State's Deb Potter.

The 'Cats would keep the scoring

trend going with a run scored on a Hornet error by McCoy in the fifth inning and a single by McCoy, in the sixth which scored Crouse.

Freshman pitching sensation MacDonald picked up the win on the mound pitching a complete game.

At one time MacDonald retired nine straight batters en route to allowing four hits and no walks.

With the wins, the 'Cats are back in contention for the MIAA title after getting swept by Washburn and starting 0-2 in the conference.

"We were disappointed on how we started our conference losing to Washburn," Knox said. "We weren't happy with that, so we've gotten back and been working hard for the past two weeks to get better and it showed today. I'm happy we are back on track."

The 'Cats will continue conference play with road games at Pittsburg State Friday and Missouri Southern Saturday.

"It's tough to go to Pitt and Southern and play in their house," Knox said. "We are just anxious to play and are going to take it one game at a time."

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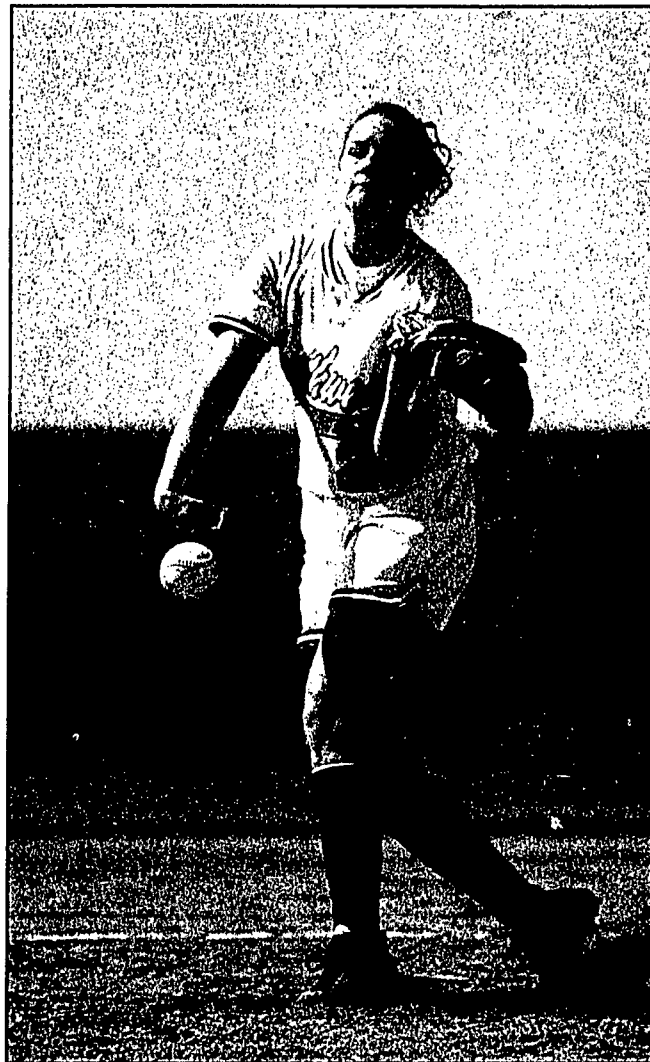


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Senior pitcher Alison Adkins hurls the ball toward home during the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader. Adkins earned the win.

Northwest track & field

Tracksters fare well at home

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Under a cloudy sky, inside the friendly confines of Rickenbrode Stadium, the Northwest tracksters competed against tough competition at the Northwest Invitational Saturday.

Amongst the likes of Truman State University, Iowa State University and Pittsburg State University, both the men and women's teams found themselves among the middle or better in the final team results.

"That's as competitive as it's been in a lot of years," said men's coach Richard Alsop.

The men's squad was able to come away with third place overall with a score of 115.5. The men were able to win five of the events and placed in the top 10 several times.

Senior Tucker Woolsey won the shot put with a toss of 56 feet, followed up by sophomore Conrad Woolsey's second-place heave of 54.5.

Junior Joel Terry won the 110-meter hurdles. His time of 14.52 seconds not only left the other runners in his rearview mirror, but also provisionally qualified him for nationals.

Senior Matt Fisher came away victorious in the 400-meter hurdles. Fisher soared to a time of 52.97 seconds, which, like Terry, provisionally qualified him for nationals.

The Bearcat women came away in the middle of the pack, finishing in

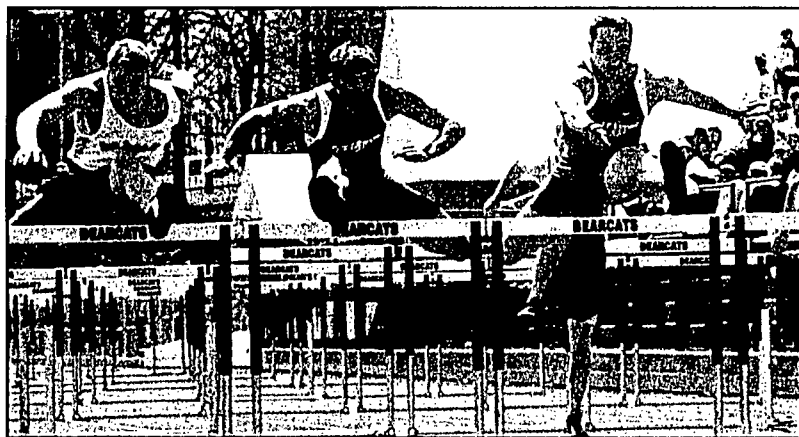


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Northwest hurdler Joel Terry hurdles over the final barrier on his way to a first-place finish in the Northwest Invitational. The win produced a provisionally qualifying time.

eighth place.

Senior April House provisionally qualified in the 100-meter dash with her third-place time of 12.14 seconds.

"She came out there really strong," said women's coach Vicki Wooton. "She got to run with the wind, which always helps."

House also finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.58 and seventh place in the long jump.

Simmons continued to show her excellent ability in the pole vault by soaring to a height of 11-3 and a third-place finish. Lacy finished third in the long jump with her leap of 18-1/2 and

Wirt's toss of 140-11 placed her third in the discus throw.

The 'Cats next competition will be this Saturday at Emporia State in the Division II Challenge. Wooton says she expects the same type of competition as the Northwest Invitational.

"This is like a mini-national meet, because they get a lot of top-quality teams," Wooton said. "All of the really good schools come because they know it's going to be an outstanding competition."

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Northwest football

Northwest loses quarterback to injury in spring scrimmage

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

In front of a nice turnout at Rickenbrode Stadium, the Northwest offense seemed to have everything working in its spring football scrimmage.

The offense had scored on its first series in five plays, when freshman Andre Rector took a pass from junior John McMenamin 40 yards to score.

The offense continued to move the ball on their second series, as sophomore quarterback TJ Mandl led the offense down the field.

On the fifth play of that drive, disaster struck. The play was a reverse to redshirt freshman Jamaica Rector and Mandl was the lead blocker.

After blocking the defensive back, Mandl got rolled into from behind by Rector and linebacker Adam Crowe. McMenamin said the injury was just a bad break.

"After watching him last year fill in three or four games and do an exceptional job, you know it is just a big loss to our team," McMenamin said. "The funny part was just before the play I told him, 'Make the quarterbacks proud.' He did that, he went down fighting."

The coaching staff was not aware of what the injury was, specifically. Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said the injury could be to an anterior cruciate ligament or a medial collateral ligament.

Either way, Tjeerdsma told the team after the scrimmage, surgery will probably be required and the team said a prayer for Mandl.

Injured quarterbacks have been an unfortunate trend for Northwest since last spring's practices. McMenamin sat out last spring with a broken wrist, he then sat out three weeks after getting injured in the University of Nebraska-Omaha game last year.

McMenamin has seen limited action this spring with a tender ankle and now with Mandl going down, Tjeerdsma has gotten used to playing shorthanded at quarterback.

"It's one of those deals that is part of football but we got some good young quarterbacks and one of them is going to have to get ready by the way it looks, to be a backup," Tjeerdsma said.

The second team managed to score the other touchdown for the offense.

Freshman quarterback Josh

Lamberson and freshman receiver Brandon Rogers converted a fade route for the touchdown.

The second team got in on the scoring for the defense when freshman corner Brandon Tyler picked Lamberson's hitch route off and took it to the end zone untouched.

Tjeerdsma was pleased with the way Lamberson and Tyler stepped up.

"These are the guys that we recruited and we have a lot of confidence in them," Tjeerdsma said. "They are getting their opportunity and it's good to see that."

While the offense scored once, it was handicapped on the offensive line with center Geoff Bollinger watching from the sidelines.

McMenamin said it makes it difficult for the offense to get in a flow with that happening.

"It's big because (Raymond) Fonoti has to play center instead of focusing on guard which is what he will play," McMenamin said. "It's kind of confusing to him with it being his first year being here to try and play both positions. Fonoti though is going to be really good at guard."

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Northwest baseball

Sluggers' slump continues

By JUSTIN BUSH
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The Northwest baseball team is in a seesaw battle, fighting for one of the top three positions in the MIAA.

Two games separate the second through fourth-place teams in the conference. After winning 18 of their first 28 games the 'Cats have dropped six of their last seven.

The 'Cats played host to conference rivals Emporia State on April 4.

In the first game Emporia held the 'Cats to just four hits and one run on their way to a 7-1 victory.

Game two was a different story. The Hornets got on the board first, scoring twice in the first inning. The 'Cats answered back, tying the game in the second inning. Going into the bottom of the seventh inning, the score was tied at seven apiece.

Freshman Marcus West doubled to lead off the inning. Two batters later, senior Ryan Ellis hit a shot to left field to drive in the winning run.

Saturday the 'Cats traveled to Joplin to play a doubleheader against the Missouri Southern Lions.

The Lions scored one run in the first and added two more in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead. The 'Cats fought back scoring four runs in the

top of the fifth to take a 4-3 lead.

Two errors cost the 'Cats in the bottom of the inning as the Lions capitalized scoring three unearned runs to regain the lead.

Ellis and junior John Sipes each hit solo shots in the seventh to tie the game.

The Lions added three more runs in the bottom of the inning to once again retake the lead. Northwest added two more runs in the ninth, but it was not enough as the 'Cats dropped game one 9-8.

In the nightcap the Lions scored twice in the first inning and added another run in the second and fourth innings.

The 'Cats finally got on the board, scoring one run in the fifth inning, but that was all the 'Cats were able to manage as the Lions went on to score two more runs in the sixth on their way to the 7-1 victory.

The two losses dropped the 'Cats to 8-6 in the conference and 19-16 overall.

Northwest traveled to Washburn for a doubleheader Wednesday, but results were not available at press time.

The 'Cats host a three-game series against Pittsburg State starting Saturday at Bearcat Field.

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Senior outfielder Ryan Ellis prepares to hit the ball during batting practice before Wednesday's showdown with Washburn. Ellis leads the team this season in hits and in batting average.

'Cats' leader has rough start

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest went head to head with conference foe Emporia State April 4. It was a key game at the time, the 'Cats were slumping, losing four out of their last five games and quickly falling in the MIAA standings. The 'Cats lost game one and were about to lose game two until Northwest's leading hitter came through in the bottom of the seventh inning with a game-winning single.

Within six years, senior Ryan Ellis has gone from not going out for baseball his junior year in high school to becoming Northwest's shining star this season.

In 35 games this season, Ellis leads the team in hitting (.466) and hits (58). He has 12 doubles and two homeruns.

In 2001, his first season at Northwest, Ellis started 43 games, held a batting average of .372 and knocked in 34 runs en route to earning all-MIAA Honorable Mention honors.

"Ryan, being one of our seniors, has done a great job leadership-wise," head coach Darin Loe said.

It was not an easy route for Ellis to become one of the MIAA's premiere players. Although he played American Legion baseball, Ellis did not go out for high school baseball until his senior year in high school.

In his only season in high school, Ellis was named to the second team

all-conference as a utility player at Lee Summit North High.

"My junior year I just didn't go out for it," Ellis said. "Basketball season had just got finished and baseball tryouts were the next day. I just didn't go to tryouts the next day."

Loe said it is tough, especially for baseball players, to pick up the game at a late age.

"Baseball is a game of repetition, and Ryan didn't have that," Loe said. "However, he is a great athlete. He has always had the tools."

After high school, Ellis attended Longview Community College where he walked on as a pitcher.

"That was the hardest part, walking on to Longview because I had no one looking at me," he said. "Everybody else on my team was getting recruited by all these schools. I tried out at shortstop and pitcher at Longview and I walked on as a pitcher."

He started every game at Longview, but as his two years there came to a close, Ellis realized how much he missed hitting the ball.

"When I went to Longview, I was a little upset because I was just a pitcher," Ellis said. "I really like to hit and that's my favorite part of the game. I wasn't getting to hit."

Shoulder problems caused Ellis

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Maryville soccer



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
Maryville left flank Tiffany Robertson tried to win a ball from a Benton defender in Tuesday's 9-0 victory. Robertson had one goal and three assists in the victory.

'Hounds win big again

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

After a frustrating defeat to Lafayette April 5, the 'Hounds soccer team came back with a vengeance Tuesday as they blanked Benton 9-0.

The 'Hounds, 3-2-1, started out slow, but by the 10-minute mark in the first half, the goals started to roll in.

"We had a good all-around performance from everybody," head coach Stuart Collins said. "The defense was really tough."

Collins said the win was important for the team especially since it was a conference matchup.

"It was extremely important," he said. "It let us get back into our goals which was to really work over into conference. I think we are letting everybody know we have the ability to focus and play and take care of business."

Sophomore Laura Gallagher was in the spotlight this night scoring three goals on three shots. Junior Kristin Heard scored two goals on three shots. Senior Leah Taylor, juniors Tiffany Robertson and Carol Sutton and freshman Kim Heard all contributed scoring one goal each.

Not only did Robertson score a goal, but she led the team in assists

with three. Sophomore Sarah Wynn added two more assists in the win.

The Benton offense did not give the 'Hounds any problems as sophomore Ann Hagen stopped four Cardinal shots from crossing the goal line.

On Thursday, the 'Hounds suffered a 2-1 defeat to Lafayette. The team had their chances as they attempted 25 shots on goal and only converted on one. The one goal came on a penalty kick by Leah Taylor.

"It was a night when we had all kinds of opportunities," Collins said. "It was one of those nights when no one could hit."

Collins said the defeat was not a bad one for the team since they had their opportunities to win the game.

"I wasn't unhappy with the girls," he said. "They had their chances and sometimes things don't go in the right direction and it wasn't that night. I was happy with the fact we got our shots off."

Defensively, the team had 14 saves, 11 of them coming from Hagen. Junior Julie Taylor had a save and junior Heather Wynn added two more.

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Northwest tennis

Teams dominate early conference competition

'Cats go into weekend tournament on track to win MIAA titles for second straight season

By MATT KENNEDY
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As the season nears the end for the men and women on Northwest's tennis teams, the athletes have been preparing to face stiff competition in the Central Oklahoma Tournament in Edmond, Okla.

The tournament runs Thursday through Saturday, and will pit the 'Cats against many of the ranked teams in the Midwest, including the University of Cameron-Oklahoma, West Texas State, Eastern-New Mexico and Midwestern-Texas.

The 'Cats travel to Oklahoma with high hopes, but are not setting their goals extravagantly high.

"It's a really tough tournament," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "The teams we will be facing are all good, so our goal is just to do as well as we can."

Following the tournament, the next challenge for the 'Cats will come Tuesday against Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa. Matches begin at 3 p.m.

The 'Cats thus far have had a very successful season, as the men are 13-3 and 4-0 in the MIAA and the women are 13-7 and 5-1 in the MIAA.

"We've only lost one conference match this season between both teams," Rosewell said. "That's pretty good."

The men faced the University of Missouri-Rolla Wednesday in their last conference match of the season.

Results were not available at

press time, but a win would complete two sequential undefeated conference seasons in the MIAA.

Both teams faced and defeated Washburn University Tuesday in Topeka, Kan.

The men defeated Washburn 6-3 and the women took home a 5-4 victory.

The women had a tough time against the University of North Dakota Saturday, as they lost a close 5-4 match.

The 'Cats played without No. 1 player sophomore Rosa Tapia, who was out with the flu.

"The loss of Rosa cost us the match on Saturday," Rosewell said. "We had to move everyone up a position. We lose without her, she's far better than anyone else we have."

The men were able to win a decisive 6-1 match over Truman State Friday in MIAA play.

All five singles matches that were played were won by the 'Cats, as well as one of two doubles matches.

Junior Gorka Sanchez won MIAA Player of the Week honors for his performance against Washburn and Truman.

Sanchez won both singles matches and was victorious in doubles play with teammate sophomore J.J. Mulwanda in doubles play.

Other players that deserve recognition are junior Adrianna Hernandez for the women and freshman Zack Keith for the men, Rosewell said.

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Ellis

to exit the mound. His coaches put him in the outfield, a position Ellis said he feels comfortable with.

Ellis said he does not regret anything he has done.

He is comfortable with where he is on the team and is enjoying the season.

"When we were on our winning streak, that was the funnest time of my life," he said. "It would be real fun to finish the year winning."

With his college career now winding down, Ellis said he does not know what the future holds for him.

Working his way up the semi-pro and professional ranks cannot be ruled out.

"I'd be interested but I really haven't talked to anybody about it," he said. "I'd like to go on but I don't know what the possibilities are."

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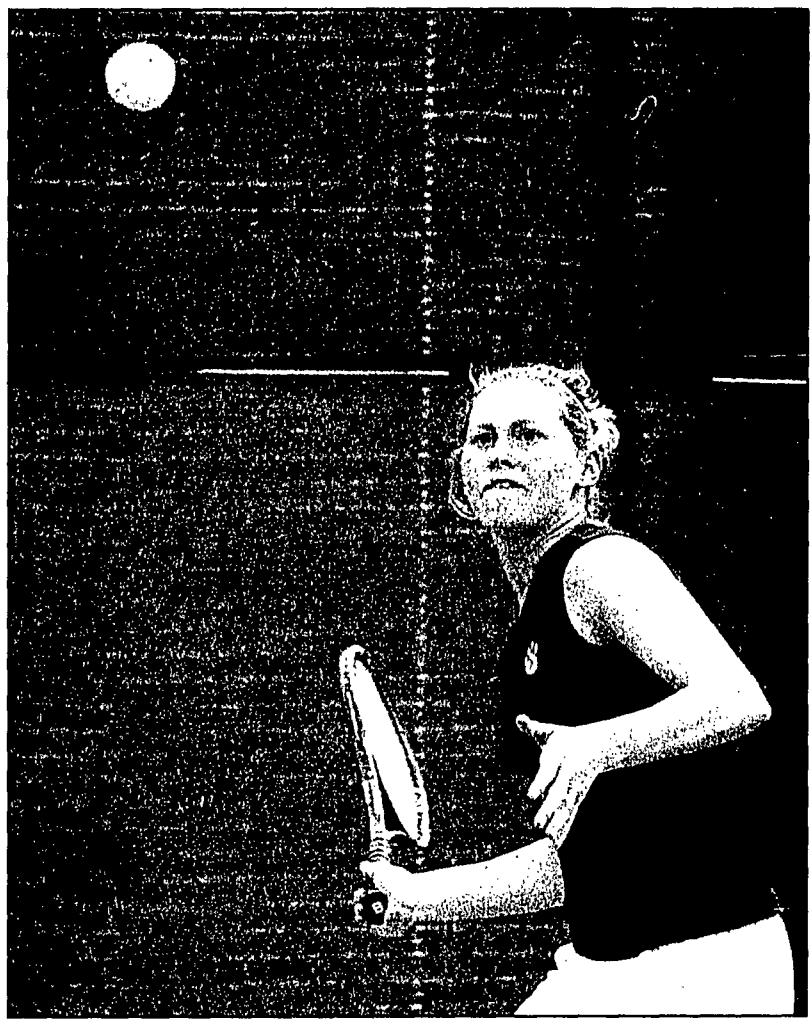


PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Sophomore Sara Lipira prepares for the volley in action Saturday against North Dakota. Lipira won in straight sets, but Northwest lost the duel contest 5-4.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Men's basketball to hold season awards ceremony

The Northwest men's basketball team will hold its end of season awards ceremony Sunday in the Student Union.

The event begins at 3 p.m. and is open to the public. Refreshments will be available at the reception.

The 'Cats are coming off a season where they advanced to the Elite Eight Tournament.

Spring athletes earn MIAA honors with strong play

Northwest softball pitcher Morgan McGinnis and Northwest tennis player Gorka Sanchez were named MIAA Athletes of the Week.

McGinnis pitched 15 innings of shutout softball as Northwest defeated Central Missouri State 2-0.

Sanchez was 2-0 in singles and doubles last week for the 'Cats. He is the Bearcats' No. 2 singles player and won his matches against William Jewell College and Truman State.

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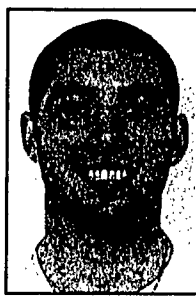
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Do you think Michael Jordan's return was a success and should he return next season?



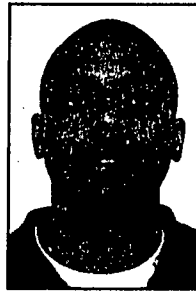
"After he retired the first time, he should of just stayed out of it."
Mary Bossung
Public relations major



"I don't think it was a success and I don't think he should return."
Jesse Shaw
Undecided major



"It was a success while he was playing, but he overdid his physical limitations. As far as health goes, he shouldn't come back."
Kyle Jensen
Pre-Chiropractic major



"Of course he was a success. All the games were sold out. But, he shouldn't come back next year."
Jelani Walker
Business management major



Maryville golf

'Hounds play strong despite bad weather

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The 'Hounds' golfers are getting deeper into its schedule and nothing is getting in the way as the team defends its state title, not even Mother Nature.

Rain and a stiff breeze did not stop the 'Hounds' from shooting good scores in a triangular against Cameron and Chillicothe Monday.

Maryville shared first-place honors with Chillicothe as both teams shot 185s. Cameron finished shooting a 216 as a team.

The 'Hounds' Trent 'Twaddle was the highest finisher for the team, taking second place with a score of 40.

Senior Brian Prokes took third place overall with a round of 41.

"The weather has an effect, but you can play in about any weather," head coach Tom Alvarez said.

Alvarez said bad weather can help better prepare a team, especially when it comes to large invites, districts and state action.

"It is a great advantage to play in as many conditions as possible," he said. "It teaches the kids that they need to focus on their game no matter what the conditions are."

The 'Hounds' entered the William Jewel Tournament with 20 other teams April 1, and left the tournament with a first-place team finish.

As a team, the 'Hounds' scored a 317 followed by Excelsior Springs with a 325. Warrensburg wrapped up the top three, with a score of 334.

'Twaddle, a senior, took home the first-place medal with an even par score of 72. Junior Adam Shultz placed fourth with a score of 79.

"Trent played very well in the tournament," Alvarez said. "The course wasn't in the best shape and it was very windy. To shoot even par in those conditions was an excellent round."

Alvarez said the team is in good position at this point in the season.

The 'Hounds' will continue the busy week at home in a dual meet with Pembroke Hill at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Maryville baseball

Sluggers prepare for tourney

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds' were unable to compete Tuesday at home against the Chillicothe Hornets because of rain.

Perhaps Mother Nature took pity on the Hornets as the 'Hounds' are currently 5-1, with the only loss to St. Louis, last year's 2-A State Champions. "The team is really up right now," head coach Brian Lohafer said. "This is probably one of the best starts we've ever had."

The next challenge for the 'Hounds' is a rematch against the Savannah Savages at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Maryville.

The 'Hounds' defeated the Savages 9-2 last week, but this time the game counts in conference play.

"Last time they didn't throw their

best pitcher, and neither did we," Lohafer said. "This time we will throw our No. 1 pitcher (senior Mike Kelley) and they will too."

Following the Savannah rematch, the 'Hounds' will have little time to prepare for the Pony Express Tournament, which runs Monday to Friday.

The eight teams in the tournament are split into two pools, with four teams apiece. The teams in the pools will play each other, and the team in each pool with the best record will play for the championship Friday.

Maryville is pooled with Benton, Savannah and Lafayette. The other pool consists of Chillicothe, Central, Leblond and Cameron.

The 'Hounds' will face Savannah at 5 p.m. Monday at Phil Welch Sta-

dium, Lafayette at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the same location and Benton at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bartlett Field.

One team Maryville may face when the pools merge is the Cameron Dragons, who fell to the 'Hounds 6-1 in a conference match last Thursday in Cameron.

The Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second, which proved to be their only runs of the game.

Maryville took the lead in the top of the third on a two-run homer provided by junior Nick Davis.

The 'Hounds' added two more runs in the fourth and sixth innings, and the game ended in a 'Hounds' victory.

"We got off to a slow start and let Cameron score first, but Nick's big homerun really catapulted us into the win," Lohafer said.

FAN PLAN

Home games

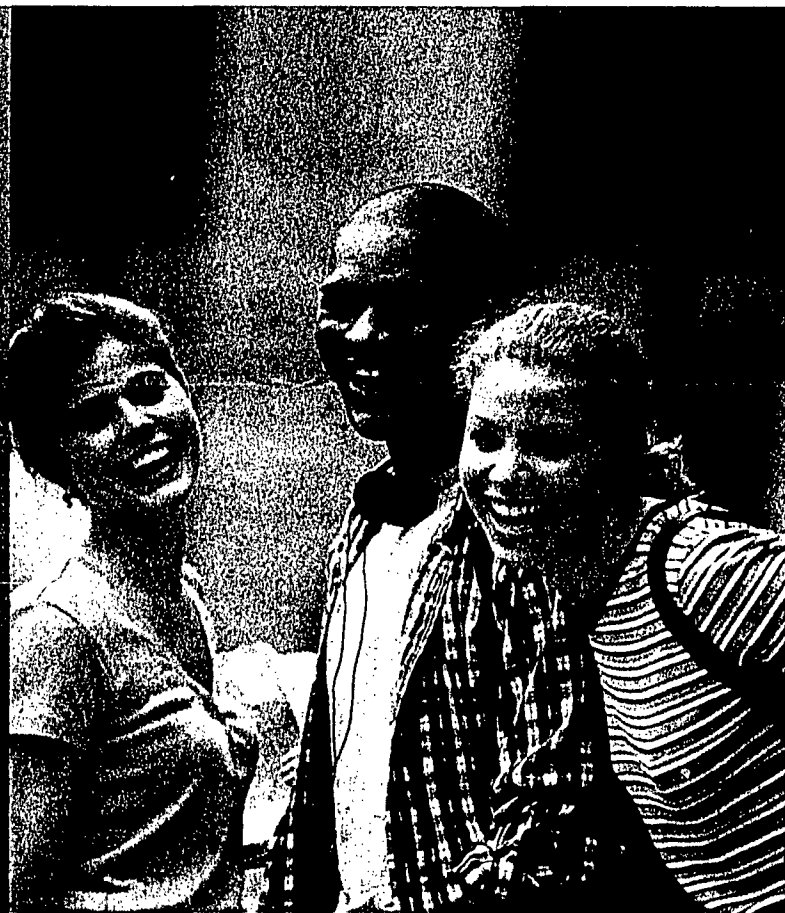
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Northwest baseball			Pittsburg State (DH) 1 p.m.	Pittsburg State 1 p.m.			Rockhurst (DH) 2 p.m.
Northwest softball		Pitt State (DH) TBA	Missouri Southern (DH) noon				Truman State (DH) 2 p.m.
Northwest tennis		Central Oklahoma Tournament Edmond, Okla. TBA				Graceland College Lamoni, Iowa 3 p.m.	
Northwest track	ESU Open multi-events meet 11 noon		ESU Division II Challenge noon				
Maryville girls' soccer	Smithville 4:30 p.m.	Central Tour 4 p.m.	Central Tour 9 a.m.			St. Teresa's 4 p.m.	
Maryville baseball	Savannah 4:30 p.m.					Pony Express Tour TBA	
Maryville track						Smithville Relays 4 p.m.	
Maryville boys' tennis						Lafayette 4 p.m.	
Maryville boys' golf	Tarkio/ Worth Co. 4 p.m.	Pembroke Hill 12:30 p.m.				Lafayette/ Platte Co. 4 p.m.	

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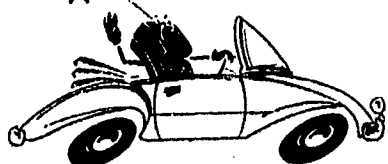
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Carol Sutton scored one goal on five shots in the 'Hounds 9-0 win over Benton in soccer action. She also contributed with one assist.



Carol Sutton



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Classes waste of time, money

Beer, sports, relationships and porn have all been part of my daily discussions lately. But they aren't part of my conversations with my friends at the lunch table or down at the tavern, no, they are the subjects being discussed in my classes. And I have had just about enough.

I have grown tired of paying hundreds of dollars a credit hour to waste my time in a class that hasn't taught me a thing all semester long.

You know I don't mind a little bit of off-the-subject matter in my classes, but lately things have gotten a little out of hand. I have now had the privilege of saying that I took whole semesters worth of classes and had to study for exactly two tests. I have limped my way through with all Cs and Bs on my tests and I have barely had to open my notes. No, I am not a super-intelligent freak; I just haven't had a class that has challenged me.

In fact, in two of my classes I have taken exactly six total pages of notes. Here we are, just weeks from finals, and I have to study from six pages of notes. What is wrong with this picture? I took more notes for my wellness class. That means that I have gone to just about every class and had it filled up



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with garbage discussions like "wedding night" happenings and a local porn club.

I'm getting ready to leave this school and I can honestly say that I have learned less in my upper division classes than I did in any of my Gen. Eds. That is pathetic. I know that teachers are tired of us, lazy students, griping about how much work we have to do, but who cares? The reason we complain is because you listen.

But what is worse is that these same teachers who don't seem to want to teach are the same ones who make attendance required. And why do they do that? Because students keep skipping class in order to use their time more

productively.

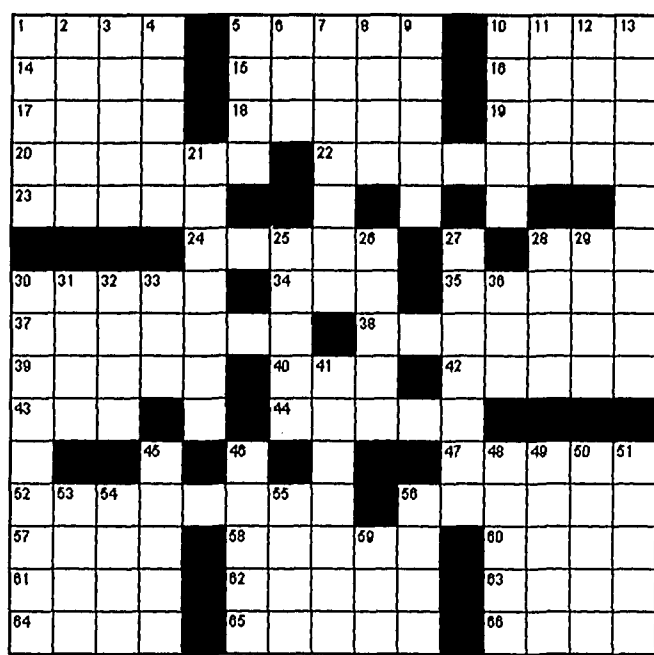
News flash, we skip it because we are bored. Besides, what do you as teachers care if we skip your class? Aren't we the ones paying to be here? Aren't we the ones who are making the decision to waste the money we pay to call ourselves students? I find it semi-humorous that we are expected to act responsibly to complete our assignments and find research topics but we are unable to decide whether or not we can attend class. If we don't show up and don't do the work, just flunk us.

Sometimes I wonder if teachers get their feelings hurt when we don't show up. If that is the case, then take the hint; you just might be a bad teacher and should consider a new profession or at least a new teaching method.

Regardless, the message here is to stop wasting our time. Students today are in more clubs, sports, jobs and other activities than ever before and we aren't willing to waste time in a class that talks more about the distribution of football players nationwide than where in the world Luxembourg is.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Part of a game
5. Accompaniments for soloists
10. Ring
14. Copycat
15. Reveal
16. Turkish official
17. Exclamation of surprise
18. Chaotic
19. Was French
20. Plantation
22. Words without sense
23. Uniform cloth
24. Fabric hand-dyeing technique

Down

28. Western time
30. Airless
34. Employ
35. Wrathful
37. Natural environment
38. Tubercles
39. Area used for sports
40. Stale
42. Thinks
43. Firmament
44. Frequented by rooks
47. Fight
52. More pensive
56. External parasite
57. Smaller in amount

Down

58. Radio location
60. Gists
61. Elongate fish
62. Ships' companions
63. Male name
64. Blackthorn
65. Valuable quality
66. Lairs

6. Small hotel
7. e.g. of Assisi
8. First in, first out
9. Pluck
10. Tough guys (2-3)
11. Sultanate
12. Viscous liquids
13. Female celebrant
21. Native of Tibet
25. Teacher
26. Japanese form of fencing
27. Command to a horse
28. Not bright
29. Staunch
30. Sleeveless vestments
31. Songbird
32. Follow orders
33. Err
36. Irritant plant
41. Roman Catholic shrine
45. Deputised group
46. Around
48. Covered on the inside
49. Blue of a clear sky
50. Large American thrush
51. Cloaks
53. Spool
54. Norwegian seaport
55. Spikes
56. Before the present time
59. Reverence

Answers can be found on page 28

on the edge

Trash facts:

Americans could reduce waste by cutting down on the packaging that surrounds their products. It accounts for one-third of the trash in landfills.

Disposable diapers in the United States make up enough trash to fill a barge half a city block long, every six hours, every day.

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The United States produces 19 percent of the world's trash. The annual contribution includes 2 billion razors and 1.7 billion pens.

The DeKrote Garbage Museum in New Jersey, one of the only museums devoted to human waste, invites visitors to "walk through a bright cavern formed by a jumble of trash hanging from the walls and ceiling." Some critics have observed that the garbage on display at the museum gives off no characteristic odor, which is unlike the average solid waste landfill.

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ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW

'Van Wilder' in running for worst film ever

By JEFF DICKERSON

MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Warning: The film reviewed here should not be seen by anyone.

Words cannot describe the pain, the sheer agony and the pure horror of viewing "National Lampoon's Van Wilder." Root canal and childbirth seem like a vacation compared to sitting in a darkened theater and being subjected to the 90 minutes of pure filth. "Van Wilder" is awful, derivative and one of the worst films to come out of Hollywood in the past 10 years.

The story is quite simple. Van Wilder is a seventh-year undergraduate student and the king of his college campus. He refuses to finish college, opting to live the life of a collegiate bachelor surrounded by alcohol, women and worshiping friends. Van is constantly at war with faculty members,

none more so than his political science professor (Paul Gleason, "Die Hard"). When his father (Tim Matheson, "Animal House") cuts off funds to force his son to graduate, Van must raise money to continue with his vivacious activities. Plot originality at its finest.

Ryan Reynolds (ABC's "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place") plays the titular character with glowing confidence and a grating smile, trying just a little too hard to be that next hot young actor. His mannerisms are cocky and irritating, borrowing from an assortment of comedy legends while remaining entirely hackneyed. May his film career end swiftly.

Tara Reid ("Josie and the Pussycats") delivers a knockout performance as Gwen, a hard-nosed journalist writing a feature story on the legendary status Van Wilder has on campus. Sarcasm aside, while her appearance resembles a high-class prostitute, her talents as an

actress are comparable to a 400-pound swimmer in a tight red Speedo.

Gross-out comedies have spread like wildfire since Cameron Diaz famously used Ben Stiller's homemade "hair gel" in 1997's box office juggernaut "There's Something About Mary." Since the Farrelly Brothers' comedy racked up \$176 million in the United States alone, Hollywood has tried to cash in by coming up with the most vile and disgusting visual gags allowed under an R rating.

The National Lampoon moniker has long lost its luster, as films like 1995's "Senior Trip" and 1997's "Vegas Vacation" have fizzled into bargain bins at mom and pop video stores.

"Van Wilder" is a comedy without the laughter and a complete waste of time. If the film industry had any sense of dignity it would banish all those involved in the creation of the film from Hollywood.

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